IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 15894 of 2005

Between:

1. Teja Educational Society, rep., by its President A.Tirupathi Reddy, Cheryal Village, R.R.District.

2. Geetanjali College, of Engineering & Technology, Cheryal Village, R.R.District rep., by A.Tirupathi Reddy.

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AND

1. The Government of A.P., rep., by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.

2. Commissioner & Directorate of Technical Education, A.P.Hyderabad.

3. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) rep., by its Registrar, Hyderabad.

4. All India Council for Technical Education Indira Gandhi Sport Complex, I.P.Estate, New Delhi rep., by its Secretary.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order, direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 1 to 3 in not granting permission/affiliation to the 2nd petitioner college by recognizing the approval granted by the 4th respondent in proceedings F.No.06/05/AP/ENGG/2005/035 dated 30-06-2005 and in not including the petitioner Geetanjali College of Engineering & Technology, Cheryal Village, Ranga Reddy District in the approved list for the academic year 2005-06 as being illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of the provisions of AICTE Act and consequently direct the respondents to recognize the approval granted by the 4th respondent by granting permission/affiliation and permitting the petitioner to run its Engineering College without any interference.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.S.NIRANJAN REDDY
Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2: GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Counsel for the Respondent No.3: MR.K.RATHANGA PANI REDDY.
Counsel for the Respondent No.4: KUM.C.SINDHU KUMARI

The Court at the admission stage made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners aggrieved by the action on the part of the respondents 1 and 2 in not granting recognition in respect of the approval granted by the fourth respondent i.e., All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

According to the petitioners, in response to the application made by the first petitioner, the Government issued 'No Objection Certificate' and thereafter, the fourth respondent has considered and granted approval by proceedings dated 30.06.2005. However, in order to get the students allotted, the petitioners are required to get recognition from the State Government. Therefore, the first petitioner made an application on 11.07.2005. However, as the respondents 1 and 2 did not pass any orders granting recognition and as the counselling is scheduled from 27.07.2005, the petitioners have come up with the present writ petition.

At the time of hearing, it is represented by the learned Government Pleader that in view of the policy of the Government which was made in its proceedings dated 14.12.2004, the State Government declines to grant any permissions or recognitions to any new Engineering Colleges in view of the left over seats in respect of the existing colleges. Therefore, it is stated that the petitioners are not entitled for the relief sought for.

However, at the time of hearing, it is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the proceedings of the Government dated 14.12.2004 not to grant permission to any new Engineering Colleges was the subject matter in a batch of writ petitions in

W.P.No.3179 of 2005 and batch, which were disposed of by this Court on 28.06.2005. This Court, while disposing of the said writ petitions, set aside the Memo issued by the Government dated 14.12.2004 as illegal. In the light of the judgment of this Court, the respondents have to issue permission and they cannot refuse to grant recognition when once the second petitioner is granted approval by the AICTE.

Though the learned Government Pleader, at the time of hearing, stated that the State Government is proposing to file SLP, but on that count the respondents cannot refuse to grant recognition. It is always open to the respondents to grant recognition subject to the outcome of the appeal, if any, filed by them.

In the above circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to pass appropriate orders granting recognition to the second petitioner expeditiously, preferably within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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21.07.2005

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To

1. The Principal Secretary, Govt. of A.P., Higher Education Dept., Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner & Director of Technical Education, A.P., Hyderabad.
3. The Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Hyderabad.
4. The Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, Indira Gandhi Sport Complex, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

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